

CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE

SB 415 - HB 409

April 8, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires HIV testing of inmates during reception process into the Department of Correction.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$452,000

On March 1, we issued a fiscal note indicating an *Increase in State Expenditures - \$54,300*. This impact was based upon information received from the Department of Correction indicating that actual treatment of inmates with HIV starts only when that inmate's CD4 count falls below 500. It was assumed that at this point symptoms should begin to appear and treatments would be started under present policy.

Based upon additional information received from medical personnel specializing in treating HIV patients, we have determined that an HIV infected person can have a CD4 count of below 500 without displaying symptoms. Based on this information, we estimate that approximately 81 inmates, that would not have been tested in the absence of the bill, will test positive during intake testing with test results indicating that treatments should begin. According to existing treatment protocol these inmates will begin receiving treatment at a current average cost of \$4,900 per year.

Estimate is based on the number of inmates entering the system in FY95/96 plus the addition of new beds. Estimate assumes that ten percent would be tested under current law or policy. Estimate also assumes that of the number to be tested because of requirements in the bill, approximately one and one-half percent will test positive for HIV and of that number approximately eighty percent will meet the criteria for starting treatment. Estimate also includes the cost of additional testing estimated to be approximately \$55,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**SB 415 - HB 409
CORRECTED**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director